

to the disposition of Francis Jackson's money; but I don't think it will
set aside the report of the
Master in Chancery, which
if confirmed, will give
it all to the Freedmen.
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Pray remember me
very lovingly to Fanny
and Frank and to Mr.
Thompson, and be-
lieve me, dear Garri-
son, ever your attached
son,
Fred Douglass,
Office,
5 July, 1867.
Oliver Johnson.

you left your native land that I have not
thought of you, with an earnest desire that
in all your journeyings in the Old World
you might be preserved from every dan-
ger and come back in due season to
your family and friends. You have
heard of course of the serious illness
of my dear wife. On that account I
was at your house when your first
letters were received, and since then
I have heard of your movements through
Wendell. To-day all your American
friends are rejoicing over the news
brought by the Cable of the Breakfast
at St. James's Hall. I need not tell
you how happy it always makes

me to see your services in the cause
of freedom recognized and honored,
whether at home ~~and~~ or abroad. The
scene at St. James's Hall must have
been one of extraordinary interest,
and I would gladly have endured
all the perils of an ocean voyage
to witness it. Mr. Thompson, I hope, will
not fail to send us a graphic de-
scription for the Independent. Of
course we cannot print the speeches,
but a letter filled with the principal
incidents of the occasion, and giving
the spirit of what was said, will
be more than welcome, as it certainly
will be very useful. Mr. Adams,
according to the cable report, sent a
letter, the tone of which was rather
reserved. This does not surprise me,
since it is well understood that in
the matter of Reconstruction his
sympathies have been with the Presi-
dent and Mr. Seward, and he
would naturally be reluctant

to honor a man who had avowed himself in favor of impeaching his master. Then I suspect that Mr. Adams is something of an aristocrat, and not inclined, when he can help it, to honor a man ^{who} sprung from the common people.

I presume that, through the different members of your family, you hear all the American news of any importance, including private gossip. I venture to tell you, however, at the risk of repeating what you already know, that our dear friend Mattie Griffith was married last week to Mr. Albert G. Browne, Jr., of Boston, ^{late} Gov. Andrew's military secretary. He is of an old Salem family, and those who know him well say it is a grand match. The marriage, though it took place in a church, was quite private. Dr. Cheever performed the ceremony, and the newly married pair have gone to the White Mountains for their honeymoon.

Oliver Johnson
N.Y., July 2, 1867.

Mary Anne's illness was more ^{other} severe than any that she has had since I knew her. She went almost to death's door. But she is now thoroughly convalescent, and, after making a few visits, will return ere long to Belton, with whom you will doubtless find her when you ^{come home} return. I am in good health, but very closely engaged. Theodore has been out West for a fortnight, and is just home. He begs to be warmly remembered to you. He is to lecture at Dartmouth and Bowdoin Colleges during this month. After that I shall probably get a brief recess, but where I shall go is wholly uncertain.

Phillips, it seems to me, has lost ground visibly of late. He really has not a peg of his own to stand on - not an issue does he make that is not made by all earnest men of the Republican party, and his factionousness and ill-nature impair his influence more and more. I don't know what decision the Supreme Court has made, or will make, in regard

to the disposition of Sumner's money: but I don't think it will